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SUBJ: POLITICAL PRISONERS IN MAHARASHTRA

1. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER SIX MONTHS A SENIOR GOM HOME
MINISTRY SOURCE HAS REVEALED DATA ON THE NUMBER OF DETAINEES
UNDER MISA. HE STATES THAT A TOTAL OF 1973 POLITICAL PRISONERS
ARRESTED UNDER MISA ARE CURRENTLY IN MAHARASHTRA JAILS. THE
PARTY BREAKOUT IS AS FOLLOWS:

R.S. 1181

JANA SANGH 455

SOCIALIST PARTY 165

CPI (M) 22

YUVAK KRANTI DAL 19

AKHIL BHARATIYA VIDYARTHI PARISHAD 2

ANAND MARGI 55

OTHERS 61 (SIX FROM THE SHIV SENA)

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2. AN ADDITIONAL 1951 PERSONS ARE BEING DETAINED FOR "ANTI-

SOCIAL OFFENSES" SUCH AS SMUGGLING, HOARDING AND HOOLIGANSIM.

3. THE SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT DURING THE LAST FORTHNIGHT SOME 100 POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO WERE ARRESTED UNDER MISA WERE RELEASED ON FURLOUGH ("PAROLE") FOR THREE MONTHS, ALTHOUGH INTERESTINGLY, THESE PRISONERS HAD NOT APPLIED FOR SUCH RELEASE. IN THEIR RELEASE ORDER IT IS STATED THAT UNLESS FREED BY THE GOM BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE THREE MONTH PERIOD, THE PAROLEES MUST RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PRISONS IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETING THE PAROLE.

4. COMMENT: THESE FIGURES WOULD INDICATE A RATHER SHARP INCREASE SINCE DATA WAS MADE LAST AVAILABLE IN MARCH, 1976, WHEN THE ESTIMATE FOR MAHARASHTRA ARRESTS TOTALED APPROXIMATELY 2200 FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND ANTI-SOCIAL OFFENSES. IT IS CERTAINLY FAR HIGHER THAN EARLY IN THE EMERGENCY. AUGUST, 1975 FIGURES INDICATED A TOTAL OF 1345 ARRESTS UNDER MISA, OF WHOM 801 WERE ARRESTED FOR "ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES." WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THE SOURCE TO BE ACCURATE AND, THIS BEING THE CASE, THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THERE IS NO RELAXATION IN THE POLICY OF JAILING OPPOSITION POLITICAINS OR ACTIVISTS, AT LEAST IN MAHARASHTRA. EVEN THOUGH THERE SEEMS TO BE LESS DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT THAN THERE WAS PERHAPS SIX MONTHS AGO, THE REVERSE SEEMS TO BE TRUE.

5. THE SAME SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION IS FRANKLY PUZZLED BY THE RECENT RELEASE ON PAROLE OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE ASSUMES THAT THE POLICE BELIVE THESE POLITICAL ACIVISTS WILL, THROUGH THEIR CONTACTS WHILE ON PAROLE, LEAD THEM TO OTHERS WHOM THE POLICE CONSIDER AS DANGEROUS TO THE STATE. IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT WOULD REPRESENT ONE OF THE MOST FLAGRANT EXAMPLES OF GUILT BY ASSOCIATION. ROSENTHAL

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